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BROCKTON MAN FOUND GUILTY ON GUN CHARGES

BROCKTON – Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced that James Widener, (DOB: 11/25/75) of Brockton, was found guilty today on numerous firearm offenses.

Widener was found guilty after a three-day jury trial in Brockton Superior Court on one count each of carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a loaded firearm, possession of ammunition, and possession of a large capacity magazine.

Widener was pulled over on February 3, 2011 at a Kingston gas station. A search of Widener's vehicle yielded a 9 mm Taurus PT11 handgun with a fully loaded, 12-round magazine. Also found with the firearm was an additional large capacity magazine loaded with 12 rounds of ammunition.

As a result of today's guilty verdict the defendant will now be facing a subsequent trial for additional armed career criminal charges on June 23rd 2015 in Brockton Superior Court. Sentencing will occur at the completion of that trial. The defendant will be held without bail until that date.

Assistant District Attorneys Nathaniel Kennedy and Kathleen Kramer prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the ATF and WEB Major Crimes and Drug Task Force, a team of investigators from West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Whitman and Bridgewater State University.

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